

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Health Services Council**  
**Project Review Committee-II**

**DATE: 6 October 2005**

**TIME: 3:00 PM**

**LOCATION: Health Policy Forum**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee II: Present: Raymond C. Coia, Esq., Maria R. Gil, Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, Ph.D., Robert J. Quigley, DC, (Chair), Reverend David Shire (Secretary)**

**Not Present: Rosemary Booth Gallogly, Wallace Gernt, Denise Panichas, Larry Ross**

**Excused Absence: Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)**

**Staff: Valentina D. Adamova, Michael K. Dexter, Jacqueline Steiner (Intern)**

**Public: (see attached)**

## **1. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

**The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. Minutes of the 28 July 2005 Project Review Committee - II meeting were approved as submitted. The Chairman noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. The Chairman stated that due to the Open Meetings Act, the minutes of the meetings have to be available to the public by the next meeting date or within thirty-five days, whichever is sooner. The Chairman stated that because the next meeting might not occur within thirty-five days or the minutes might not be available by the next meeting time, he would ask the Committee members to vote to extend the availability of minutes beyond the time frame as provided for under Open Meeting Act. A motion was made and seconded, and the motion passed by a vote of five in favor and none opposed (5-0) that the availability of the minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Coia, Gil, Graziano, Quigley, Shire.**

## **2. General Order of Business**

**The first item on the agenda was the application of Morning Star Home Care, LLC for initial licensure of a Home Nursing Care Provider Agency at 200 Centerville Road in Warwick. Staff noted that responses to Committee's questions were mailed.**

**The Committee discussed the applicant's response to the questions. In response to questions about the owners' salary, the applicant stated that there will not be any owners' draw in the first year and that in subsequent years there will be a \$10,000 draw per owner if the facility is profitable. Staff noted that according to the Department of Mental Health, Retardation and Hospitals, the applicant's other organization, Community Living of RI, Inc. is in good standing for this year. The applicant confirmed that the proposed facility and Community Living of RI, Inc. will be separate companies and that there will be no self-referral of clients. The Chairman proposed that this become a condition of approval. The applicant agreed to this condition.**

**To questions regarding seeking accreditation, the applicant stated that they are planning on seeking accreditation by a nationally accrediting agency such as JACHO but will not be able to begin the process until the proposed facility is operational. The Chairman proposed that this become a condition of approval. The applicant agreed to this condition.**

**The applicant stated that the proposed facility would have a sliding-fee scale system for those clients unable to afford the full price of the proposed services which shall be decided on a case by case basis. The Committee requested that the applicant provide documentation describing the proposed system. The applicant**

agreed to provide the requested information. The Committee also requested that the applicant provide documentation identifying the proposed system in place to provide uncompensated care. The applicant agreed to provide the requested information. The Chairman proposed that a condition of approval be that the applicant provides services to all patients without discrimination including payment source and ability to pay.

Sen. Graziano requested that the applicant identify who is going to provide skilled nursing services. The applicant agreed to provide the requested information.

A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of five in favor and none opposed (5-0) to recommend that the application be approved with the additional conditions of approval and conditioned upon the receipt of the requested information. Those members voting in favor of the motion were: Coia, Gil, Graziano, Quigley, Shire.

Staff noted that this application would be on the agenda at the next Health Services Council meeting tentatively scheduled for 1 November 2005.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Valentina D. Adamova**